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- (U) On August 3, Senegal's Lebanese community staged another peaceful protest, erecting a memorial of sorts in Dakar's main square, Place de l'Independence. The memorial includes American and Israeli flags with reversed swastikas, as well as signs saying "Israeli and American assassins" below pictures of dead Lebanese, especially victims of the bombing in Qana.
- 12. (SBU) On August 4, the Israeli Charge, acting on instructions from Jerusalem, proposed a joint demarche. We opted to make separate demarches to the Acting Foreign and Interior Ministers. Both understood our revulsion, but as of noon local time (GMT) the flags with the swastikas were still in place.

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